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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The undertone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to barely steady with cautiousness noted. Demand seasonally slow. Trading limited. Some plant grade toms traded at 53 cents delivered. Offerings available with some held with more confidence than others. The white meat market showed signs of improvement with increased confidence noted especially on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. The tom bulk parts market was increasingly more active with most industry members finding tom necks and fresh tom drums hard to find for prompt shipments.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Increased activity was noted with trading centered on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Offerings ranged from instances burdensome on thigh meat to light to adequate on the balance of items.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 6, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-65	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64.5	64.5	64.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 JANUARY 2004.

Some improved inquiry was noted on bulk parts and meat for domestic and export shipments. Trading slow. Offerings mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	70.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	26.00	89
NECKS, HEN		W	24.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	120
THIGH MEAT	78.00		78.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00		89.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	78.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	82.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	110.92	131
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	16.50		16.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.15	282
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 JANUARY 2004.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins from new production was steady to fully steady with frozen destrapped tenderloins in the strongest position. Inquiry was fair to good on fresh tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins with most sellers reluctant to sell new production at current market levels, fresh destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat light. The undertone on wing meat and the balance of white meat items was mostly steady. However, increased interest was noted on wing meat and most of the white trim meats. Some frozen destrapped tenderloins traded at 90 cents delivered February. Fresh white meat offerings ranged light to adequate. Frozen white meat offerings from new production were held with increased confidence on destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat, balance adequate with ground breast trim instances ample. Some industry members continued to note frozen white meat offered with +6 months age. Trading improved on most items. For domestic: livers 17, plant grade non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts 98 cents delivered. For export: livers 15.50, fresh tom drums 40 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00		89.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00-43.00		41.80	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-39.00		37.88	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	71.00		71.00	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.16	123
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	112.00-125.00		121.29	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	260
THIGH MEAT	74.50-87.00		77.63	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00-87.00		86.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	78.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT	73.00		73.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	82.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	110.00		110.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.25	160

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-16.50		16.28	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.50-84.00		81.92	212

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 01/07/04
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	116,600	141,637	141,637
2002-2003	8,513	217,213	217,513

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